

LAKE WILCOX PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

Attendees:

Principal: Andrea Welburn	Regrets: Jessica Ng Simone Chan
Vice Principal: Samadi Afrouz (regrets)	
Teacher Representative: Mike Cerullo	
<i>Co-Chairs:</i> Nikki Andal & Angela Missaghian (regrets)	
Treasurer: Anne Marie Kirkness	
Secretary: Cathy Proiakakis	
<i>Members at Large:</i> Anita Fancy Barb Kwolek Christina Gianopoulos Chuan Li Farnaz Sardari Georgia Petinarelis Julie Pesonen Parvaz Kirouac	
<i>Guests:</i>	

1.	<p>Meeting brought to order @ 635PM</p> <p>Ahead of Land Acknowledgment discussed that Bones of Crows movie is out – tells truths about residential schools very skillfully (may be triggering); coming to terms with past actions. It's important that we acknowledge our history.</p> <p>Read our Lank Acknowledgement (which has been made a part of our meeting structure).</p>
2.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes & Treasurer's Reports</u></p> <p>Minutes: Minutes were shared ahead of meeting; no feedback received on errors. Motion to Pass: Cathy, 2nd by Julie, Motion Carries</p> <p>Treasurer Report: Still need hot lunch for April, May and June Saw Direct Donations come in @ \$1241.60 and \$670.00 For the BBQ – Received \$1900 so far which is above the minimum order required. EXCELLENT!</p> <p><i>... estimates in, plus committed expenses out have approx. \$5700 remaining.</i></p> <p>*HOLDING* Motion to Pass for additional account details; will send email confirmation and pass via email.</p>

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3. Principal Report/ Mr. Cerullo Update

Update from Principal Welburn:

School Improvement Plan Updates:

Receiving data, and starting to understand impacts... Tracking and controlling against the goals

1. Foster Well-Being & Mental Health

Build relationships to identify the diverse needs of students in order to support the mental health and well-being of students.

- Create an inclusive environment for all learners (including Special Ed. & MLLs) by listening to the voices of students and act in response to their needs

2. Provide Effective Instruction and Assessment

- Provide instruction that is focused on personalized learning goals and assessments that are flexible, relevant, and authentic.

Professional Learning Teams meet each week to focus on:

- a) Students reading at grade level
- b) Students using various forms of writing for different purposes
- c) Automatize number facts and develop numeracy
- d) Inclusive design of whole class learning that centres the voices of MLL at the onset of planning

3. Champion Equity and Inclusivity

Intentional creation of identity-affirming spaces and practices that are inclusive of all communities, free of racism and hate

- Anti-oppressive instructional planning: We are anti-racist educators; classrooms are safe spaces where students can be their authentic selves
- Equity for Multilingual Learners: MLL students see themselves and their culture reflected in classroom learning resources.
- MLL instruction and Assessment Considerations: MLL students have opportunities to use their first language in classwork, as needed, in order to further their learning

Professional Learning for Educators

- Anti-Black Racism
- Math Network
- Equitable Assessment Training to create anti-oppressive environments for all learners
- STEP Training (STEP framework supports educators in understanding their students' stage of English language acquisition in order to ensure equitable access to the learning.)

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Invite ISCS to LWPS:

- Designing Culturally Historically Responsive Curriculum
- Equitable Assessment (using CRRP, Authentic Identity Affirmation).

Preparing for September:

- Planning to send out a survey to parents regarding hot lunch options
 - o Planning to keep using Lunchbox, but also understanding food options that are available. Doing survey with parents.
 - o Planning to start this earlier for next year; 3rd week of September
 - o Potentially looking to re-add Oak Ridges Pizza House (needs to be individually packaged); they need to be willing to leave hot bags behind so that pizza can be kept warm for the full lunch period(s).
 - o Lunch vendors also need to operate under LunchBox platform (that is currently in place in conjunction with school cash online).
- Term 2 report cards will be available to parents electronically during the week of June 26
- We are currently working on the school organization for 2023-2034
 - o How to organize the school, etc. YRDSB Schools have potential to go through re-org up until the 3rd week of September
- Thoughtful class placement for each student (email will be sent home September 1st)
- New Community Class @ LWPS
 - o We currently have 2 Community Classes, adding a third
 - o Third class will be a primary class – 1 teacher, 2 EAs – 8-12 students
 - o As a result of this additional class, the school will be opening up one of the portables for next year.

Update from Mr. Cerullo:

- Family Math Night – May 4
- Intermediate Badminton – May & June – GREAT ATHLETES @ LWPS
- Students of Differing Abilities (SODA) Athletic & Activity Meet – May 16
- Transition to Kindergarten – May 18
- LWPS Track & Field Meet – May 25 & 26 – Area Meet is postponed due to air quality
- RGSS visit with Gr8 Students – May 30
- Well-being Team & Ms Vaillancourt's class One Hour Fun Hour – May 31st
- LWPS Flag Raising event in celebration of Pride Month – May 31st
- Gr 7 Field Trip to Green Acres – June 1st
- Gr 7 EcoSpark in-School Field Trip – June 5th
- Talent Show – June 12th
- School Council BBQ – June 13th
- Gr 8 Extended Day Trip – June 15
- Graduation – June 22nd
- Play Day – June 26th
- Last Day of School – June 30 (early release day) – 11:05am

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4.	<p><u>Math Night Recap</u> Math night was a success!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went over very well; families enjoyed it and they also really liked the idea of getting taking free games home. - Huge thanks to Mr Cerullo and Ms Welburn for getting us into the school and inviting the families in to continue their engagement
5.	<p><u>Year-end Party & BBQ</u> On track for a great YE Party & BBQ! Carnival-esque stations, in cost effective way (free!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebranded as a party as well, with free events so that parents don't think it's just a BBQ - Subcommittee is actively working on it - Trying to find ways to communicate to the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Try student announcements – how to get info to the families o Is it worth sending paper reminder? Council could allocate funds for printing? Invitation via students? o Could we supply teachers with the communication? o School Sign? o Easel? o Talk about BBQ earlier? o Visual Calendar for the month may also be helpful o Engagement comes in multiple ways – we can communicate, parents can receive - What do we have planned – what is the budget? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We have spent zero \$ o City will be dropping 6 picnic tables for families to use to eat o Activities planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Face painting (volunteer needed) ▪ Axe throwing (plastic) (volunteer needed) ▪ Water balloons – gentle pass game. ▪ Music ▪ Temporary Tattoo (volunteer needed) ▪ Family Photo Station ▪ Plinko (volunteer needed) ▪ Amazing Giveaways! Raffles (free ticket) ▪ Free Table! Sports equipment, Books, Bike Helmets ▪ Possible talent show? Have the tech around, etc... if kids are there and would like to perform? ▪ Have reached out to Richmond Hill Fire to see if they could come. Pending their response. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could also try Ambulance o <i>Karaoke is an idea/ thought that we could work through – could affect ambiance, projecting lyrics could be difficult in light, could compete with sound; request was made from parents and children as result of Talent Show, etc. Thoughts around another Talent Show –</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What supplies are needed from school? Earlier that we send the list, the better? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Garbage cans? o Hose? For the water balloons? <p>Questions we have – or that are outstanding...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are we able to use the \$500 operating fund? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Can't be textbook, furniture, etc. o Can be instruments, chromebooks, etc? - Can we approach local business to donate pizza? Or other food to have available for purchase? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Angela is finding out if we can have another food option – does it conflict with the vendor o Or, rather than hot food – is there a snack option? o Don't want to handle cash at the event - How will the process work for the BBQ items? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Welcome Desk (Family Envelope) with list of the food that they ordered <p>Thoughts for future events & Ideas...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clothing swap, Fire Truck, Tug of War... could these be events to include and/or include in future events
6.	<p><u>School Year in review & September Outlook:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frequent emails and communication to families - School funded items: Music speaker, stage lighting, chromebooks, GSA books, Neurodiversity session - Engaging and Informative School Council Bulletin Board - Engagement Strategy Council Survey - Community Outreach – winter clothing drive (80+ items collected) - Council Meeting Invitations – Increased attendance & participation than recent years - Literacy Night – 1300 books donated and first EVER silent auction for sporting event tickets - Hot Lunch - Purdy's Fundraising - Kindness Tree - Winter/Seasonal Décor - PROGrant, Black Excellence Speaker - Two LWPS Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Math Night (60 Board Games donated) - Outdoor Equipment Drive 200 items! (balls, hula hoops) donated - Year-end Party & BBQ (MINIMAL, IF ANY budgeted funds used!) - AND MORE!!! <p>September Outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions from Parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Can the kids start to bring library books home again (they could, they just needed to ask) o Volunteers in the classrooms? Parents asking when this will happen again. Would likely start again next year and those parents would need a vulnerability check

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 19th – First Meeting – Full council need to come to dissolve the council - Community Engagement – how can we get more parents interested?? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There are start-up forms at the beginning of the year, School Council can have a meeting ahead of the curriculum night and then advertise at the Curriculum Night for more members - Set up School Council Table at the Talent Show - For the table set-ups, there is a banner (vertical) professionally printed for School Council. If we could display that, it would also act as a great visual.
7.	<p><u>Proposals & Purchases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was the \$2500 needed for the Chromebooks that we committed last meeting? This will be carried over into September. - In September, we will consider what fund remaining can be used for. We could contribute to more chrome books, or we could also find other ways in which to use \$\$ for the school to support tech, music, sports, library, etc. - Staff – Requests for Funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2 Athletic Team Jersey sets of 20 reversible with number and logo on both sides (\$1500) o Kindergarten Play & Outdoor Learning Materials (\$350) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bubble liquid – Dollarama \$30 ▪ Spray bottles – Dollarama \$25 ▪ Sidewalk Chalk – Dollarama \$30 ▪ Picnic Basket - \$30 ▪ Waterproof Picnic Blanket – Walmart \$60 ▪ Lap Tray \$120 <p>Motion to pass \$1850 in above expenses for Athletic Jerseys and Kindergarten Play by Anne Marie, 2nd by Parvaz, Motion Carries</p> <p>Asked about needs for music – will revisit in September.</p> <p>Asked about sports bag per class for outdoor sports, etc. – Sports equipment that was donated, collected and distributed to classrooms; not a current need. The equipment doesn't always last through the year, etc.</p> <p>Once we have an idea of what the May hot lunch numbers are, we will know what money is available and potentially allocate above the \$2500 to Chromebooks.</p>
8.	<p><u>Adjourn</u></p> <p>Motion put forward to adjourn by: Nikki Motion seconded by: Julie Motion Carried</p>

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	Meeting adjourned @ 814PM.
9.	<p><u>Out of Meeting Updates & Approvals</u></p> <p>Motion to pass > Request for \$500 to purchase (below): sent by Cathy, seconded by Angela – Thursday June 8th Snacks for families (first come, first serve) to be given away Supplies we were unable to source through donation (for activities) Food Motion passed by council June 8th. ***NOTE Actual costs came in \$167.33 (well below approval)</p> <p>Motion to spend more on chromebooks and allocate funds to music program. Sent by Angela, seconded by Nikki – Thursday June 15th Approval to spend additional \$3,000 on chromebooks and to allocate \$1500 to music program Motion passed by council on Friday June 16th.</p> <p>Treasurer Report: Sent by Anne-Marie June 29th (Treasurer Report Reviewed & Approved by Council via email; motion to approve passed.</p> <p>Opening Balance: \$6,645.76; Deposits: \$7,769.58 = Total: \$14,415.34</p> <p>Paid Expenses: \$7,210.47, Committed Expenses = \$7,000.00, CLOSING BALANCE: \$204.87</p>

Action Items:

Meeting Date	Action Item Description	Owner	Status
Nov 1	Follow-up with Air Ryderz UPDATE: Reviewed by Andrea and Superintendent. Forgoing event due to liability and waiver forms; too high a risk for school/student participation.	Parvaz/Nikki	CLOSED
Nov 1	Follow-up with with Music Teacher on needed \$ Establish Subcommittee UPDATE: List provided today; committed \$500 for proper speaker.	Andrea/Michael Georgia	CLOSED
Nov 1	Follow-up with Miko/Samco; can we move forward with this fund-raising idea and when	Julie	

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Jan 10	Andrea to bring 5-year trend information in relation to EQAO results to next council meeting	Andrea	
Feb 7	Nikki to send Andrea the School Council Strategy Survey results	Nikki	